The Pulpit

A SERMON BY THE REV. IRA W. HENDERSON

CHRISTMAS DISCOURSE.

Theme: The Significance of the Birth of Christ.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church on the theme: "The Significance of the Birth of Christ," the Rev. Ira Wemyss Henderson, pastor, took as his text Luke 2:11: "For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." He said:

The coming of the Christ is the axis of Western chronology and the inspiration of uncounted souls. When, on that starry night amid the fertile fields of Judea, the angel of the Lord stood beside the watching shepherds and the multitude of the heavenly host sang hosanna to the living God, the sweetest, most entrancing soul among the sons of men began His earthly history. The wisemen from afar, who laid at the feet of the manger babe the royal, costly gifts, were but the precursors of a glad, rejoicing host who, in every epoch and every clime, have rendered homage to the Christ. The sudden light that bathed the quiet plain that peaceful Christmas eve beams today with kindred radiance into multitudes of hearts. The voices that sang from heaven to earth still sing to listening ears. The angel of the Lord still speaks. The babe whom Mary loved is with us. The Son of God is here.

The birth of Christ is historic. The presence of Christ yesterday and today is a fact. Nothing is more certain than that Christ once lived. The Gospels attest it. Contemporaneous records recognize it. The Christian world around us is a consecutive, cumulative evidence of His reality and His influence. There is no disputing the exact day and month and year of His coming into the affairs of men. We may speculate concerning the exact place of His birth; they may argue, as they will, over the manner of His coming; but they cannot, they have not and they will not deny His actuality. Jesus is a fact; the most momentous fact of all history.

Let us consider the significance of the birth of Jesus in the light of the ages.

The birth of Jesus is significant as we consider it to be the fulfillment of Hebrew prophecy, as we understand it to be the culmination of a divine self revelation; as we study its effect on humanity.

The birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy. Except we glance down the long record of the human hopes of Israel we cannot understand the Christ. Christ, apart from Jewish history, is inexplicable. Jesus is not an isolated, but, rather, a resultant fact. The Saviour is the fulfillment of a nation's hope, though as largely unaccepted. He is the consummation of the efforts of a nation's saintly men to lead their people near to God. The messages of Isaiah are the adumbrations of the Christ. The visions of the prophets are the fore-shadowings of the gentle Galilean. Israel looked with expectancy and with hope unquenched for Immanuel—the presence of Jehovah in the midst of His people. Having been led out of physical and earthly bondage, they looked forward with eagerness at a later day to a Jesus, a Saviour, who, clothed with divine power and enriched with a divine commission, should lead the citizens of God out of the thralldom of spiritual slavery into the freedom and the blessedness of an eternal and sufficient salvation from their sins. Jesus was the fulfillment of that hope and prophecy. What the fathers had declared, He was. The chosen people of God yearned for an earthly king, a Messiah anointed of Godly, set apart to a holy leadership, divinely dedicated to the consummation of a national existence in righteousness and truth. And in Jesus was this other hope fulfilled, and with a nobler purpose and with a larger scope. Within the spiritual kingdom that He came to institute lay the secret of a kingdom which should rule the world. A far grander than any prophecy and hope of Israel was that which, in Jesus Christ, God unfolded to His chosen people. What a pity it is that nineteen centuries ago Israel did not see the beauty of the plan of God, that she did not recognize in the boyhood and that grander mission of a worldwide ministration and universal dominion to which God, in Jesus, called her. And how sad it is that all that the race to whom the principles of Jesus are most easily understandable is so opposed to the system of religious truth that in our times is termed distinctively Christian. The aspiration by the Jew of those principles of God and truth and eternal Christianity that are the glory of the truth as it has been revealed of God in Jesus Christ would be the exceeding story of the coming ages and the fairest possession of the chosen people of the Lord.

The birth of Jesus was the culmination of divine self-revelation. In the personality and the message of the Christ God gave the fullness of Himself in self-explication. Jesus is the objectifying of the Godhead before the very eyes of humanity. In Him Jehovah unfolds the personality of divinity. As His message is proclaimed the mind of God is proffered and sacrificing of the world. Jesus is the declaration of the divinity, the humanity, the fatherhood of God. And in the person of the Christ is completed the long endeavor of a loving and perfect Father to impress Himself upon the minds, the hearts, the lives of His wayward, errant children. Throughout all the ages and in the lives of all His people God had been revealing God to man. Here and there, as Israel heard the voice of Jehovah, there arose many a voice, men of insight, men of intense and spiritual discernment to declare to the multitude the meaning and the import of God's self-revelation. Throughout all the history of the chosen people of God Divinity strove in diverse and incomplete fashion to impart to the consciousness of man a truer understanding of himself. And as man, from time to time, has shadowed forth the truth that God has delivered to him by His Spirit and through the prophets, we have varied interpretations of the character and of the personality of God. The changeless God has constantly revealed the truth concerning Himself, His plans, His purposes, to men. Men have oftentimes been heedless of the divine instruction, they have oftentimes been ignorant of the full import of the self-revelations of Jehovah, they have oftentimes misinterpreted the messages that God has delivered to their lives. But whether or no men have been heedless, ignorant or dull, God has always revealed the truth concerning Himself. His has been a constant and cumulative effort to lead men to a satisfying and correct vision of Himself.

Jesus is the finality of the divine self-revelation. The work of the Spirit before the days of Christ was preparative, in order to human comprehension of the Christ. And the struggle of the Spirit since the ascension of our Lord has been to lead men to hear, to heed, to understand and to accept the truth which, so richly, Christ communicates from God. Jesus is the consummation of the effort of the Spirit of the old dispensation. He is the inspiration of the labors of the Holy Spirit of the later covenant between God and men. The photograph of God that shines livingly imparts to men is the ripest product of divine self-impartation. He is the culmination of divine self-revelation.

But it is in its effect on humanity that the birth of Christ is most significant and of widest and most profound influence. The birthday of Jesus is the birthday of the larger liberty of man. The coming of Jesus is the beginning of man's nobler age. The nativity of Jesus is the nativity of the transcendent inspiration of the human soul. Mary's child is the hope of all the children of men.

The birth of Christ is effectual for humanity individually, socially, ethically, religiously.

The birth of Christ marks the dawn of the most glorious epoch in the history of the human unit. In the face of a faith and of a civilization that has strongly emphasized the social aspect of human society Jesus declared the dignity, the integrity, the inalienable importance of the individual. He placed the common man on the plane upon which God in His providence intended him to move. In a day while the Lord dignified the individual and proclaimed the eternal worth of the human unit apart from the mass. He is now lowering the birth position of the social system in the scheme of God for the ordering of His world's affairs. Rather did He emphasize society as a whole. Emphasizing the importance of the individual, He insisted on the value of that individual only as representing an integer in the sum of the social life, he remained true to the first principles of the kingdom of God and labored unremittingly for the advancement and purifying of society as a whole. Jesus taught the eternal preciousness of the separate personality, with the one desire to indicate to the individual man his personal responsibility to God and society in the face of the limitless and unnumbered opportunities that a loving Father placed within, in his reach. Profound philosophers as He was, Jesus perceived with unerring vision, that the secret of a redeemed society lay in redeemed individuals. And, although He had effectively interest in the single man, He was concerned with him in greatest measure because of his fundamental necessity to and central importance in a redeemed and sanctified society, a once crowned individuality as none other before had dared to do, but He invested individuality with a responsibility and novel dignity in order that with the realization of its surpassing preciousness individuality should strive hardest to be counted worthy of a place in a social order regenerated and redeemed of God.

The birth of Jesus was effective to the betterment of the individual by the—by the laws of conduct—of humanity. Preaching no Gospel of precise and detailed rules and regulations, our Lord yet, with such instinct, taught the larger principles upon which all sound morals and social conduct are based that with two sentences He laid the emphasis where eternally it had belonged in the mind of God and from which in the heart of God and from which in the heart of man it had been displaced. With two sentences He laid the emphasis where eternally it had belonged in the mind of God and from which in the heart of man it had been displaced. Preaching no Gospel of precise and detailed rules and regulations, our Lord yet, with such instinct, taught the larger principles upon which all sound morals and social conduct are based that with two sentences He laid the emphasis where eternally it had belonged in the mind of God and from which in the heart of man it had been displaced. Preaching no Gospel of precise and detailed rules and regulations, our Lord yet, with such instinct, taught the larger principles upon which all sound morals and social conduct are based that with two sentences He laid the emphasis where eternally it had belonged in the mind of God and from which in the heart of man it had been displaced.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

DECEMBER TWENTY-THIRD.

How Can We Carry the Christmas Spirit Through 1907?—Luke 2: 8-20.

Christ's birth seen from afar.—Isa 9:1-6.

Its cheer foretold.—Ps. 98:1-9.

"Good tidings."—Isa. 40:9-11.

Out of Bethlehem.—Mic. 5:1-7.

Son of David.—Ps. 89:20-37.

Sweet story of old.—Matt. 1:18-25.

The shepherds "were sore afraid." Christ came to bring heaven's glories near, and take away our fear of them (v. 9).

The Christmas joy would not be a joy to any people if it were not "to all people" (v. 10).

First comes "glory to God"; not until we seek that with all our hearts may we expect "peace on earth" (v. 14).

The shepherds had the true Christmas idea. What they had seen, they made a Christmas gift to all that would listen (v. 17).

Our year will be a success if we write on every day: Give! a failure, if we write Get!

If we can carry the Christmas spirit, it will expand us, over all obstacles and to all happy goals.

As it is not what you give at Christmas, so much as how you give it, so it is less what you do in life than how you do it.

The Christmas spirit is greatly promoted by the social gatherings. With changed words, prolong them through the year.

The Christmas tree must have its roots in the heart, or it will bear no sound fruit on its branches.

Christmas centres around the fireplace because there is more cozy and no solitary enjoyment is Christmas joy.

If Christmas gifts weighed according to the love in them, some planes would be light as feathers, and some pen-wipers would weigh tons.

"I wish you a merry Christmas" goes halfway to the goal; "I'll make you a merry Christmas!" touches the goal-post.

To Think About.

Have my past Christmasses been full of Christ?

Do my Christmas thoughts centre about myself?

Is giving the best part of my Christmas?

EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Lessons of the Manger.—Luke 2 7-20.

Daily Readings.

The world's exclusion of Jesus.—v. 7.

The lowly sign of the Christ-child —v. 12.

The manifestation of the Child Christ.—vv. 13, 14.

The recognition of the wise men.—Matt. 2: 1-12.

The recognition by two illustrated lingering souls.—Luke 2. 25-38.

Heavenly visitants.—Luke 2. 8-14; 19-21.

In view of the many precious "lessons of the manger," Christmas ought to be characterized by a kind of solemn merriment. Let our Merry Christmas to You" be charged with conceptions of the profound significance of the day. The early church seized upon many a heathen festival and, stamping it with ecclesiastical authority, seeking thus to make easy the transition from paganism to Christianity. So Christmas came to have, among our far-back ancestors, the boar's head feast and the drinking bouts of Scandinavia and Germany. Let there be festivity, but let there be also songs of gratitude, and the bestowment of gifts to the needy in remembrance of God's inexpressible gift to us.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 23.

Subject: Jesus Ascends Into Heaven, Luke xxiv., 36-53—Golden Text, Luke xxiv., 51—Memory Verses, 46-48.

I. The risen Christ (vs. 36-43). 36. "As they thus spake." The disciples were assembled in an upper room in Jerusalem discussing the events of the day. The two who had walked with Jesus to Emmaus were giving an account of their interview with the risen Savior when suddenly Jesus Himself appeared. "In the midst." He evidently entered miraculously. "Peace be unto you." The usual salutation of the Jews. 37. "Terrified and affrighted." No one knew how he entered and they were inclined to doubt their own sight and conclude that this was but a vision of their Master.

38. "Why—troubled." Jesus now calms their fears and proves to them that He is their risen Lord. "Thoughts arise." Mark says (chapter 16:14) that He "upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart." 39. "Hands—feet." The wounds were probably not perfectly healed, but the scars remained. Here was an argument for their sense of sight. "Handle Me." Touch Me, if you will. "A spirit hath not," etc. We have here the clearest possible assertion of the independent existence of spirit. 40, 41. "He showed them." He showed them the scars.

41. "Believed not for joy." They were terrified at first. "Wondered." There was at the same anxiety lest this was an illusion. "Have ye." Food, a broiled fish," etc. Probably what was left from their evening meal.

43. "Did eat before them." After the disciples had called attention to what now occurred as a proof of their Lord's resurrection (Luke 24: 41). I. That after His resurrection Jesus had the same body, similar to that our bodies will be after the resurrection. 2. That "He had a body the same in substance and form as that He bore His crucifixion, and that this was the reason why He was not to be known by the disciples at the ascension."

II. The Scriptures opened (vs. 44-49). These verses record not the sayings uttered on this first Easter evening, but on a later occasion, a general outline of the teachings of the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension. 44. "These are the words." Now you will understand what seemed so dark to you when I told you about the Son of man being put to death and rising again (chapter 18:31-34). "The law—the prophets—the Psalms." The three Jewish divisions of the Old Testament. Sometimes the Psalms stood as containing, each of them, things concerning Christ.

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Views of a "Globe Girdler."

Charles J. Glidden, the "globe girdling" automobilist, wrote to some Boston friends as follows concerning his impressions of the first part of his journey from Paris to Berlin by road and railroad tracks: "Six days ago I drove over the road from Boulogne to Paris. Since the automobile improvement was noticed on this trip, I can say that over the road can be considered only fair, in comparison with the good roads around Boston or that over the country in parts of France. Closed roads necessitated detours frequently, increasing the distance twenty miles, and the roads are worse to negotiate than were those we had been obliged to take where we were forced to go over the fields. Here we have been put to in arranging for our meals and lodgings numbers for New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and the impression that we are not in a united country, but driving through small countries in Europe. Special numbers, I am informed, are not required in other States. Motoring can be made ideal between New York and Boston by improving the roads in Connecticut and Massachusetts as far as Worcester and south of Springfield to the State line."—New York Sun.

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Worked Other Way.

The City Federation of Women's Clubs, at Chickaha, I. T., recently gave a Wild West show considerable and rather extensive advertising by filling a protest with the city council. The protest was turned down, and the "wild and woolly" aggregation showed to a packed house.—Kansas City Journal.

GOOD ROADS

For National Rock Roads.

"Why don't the States build trunk roads of macadam so solidly constructed that trains of automobile freight wagons might be operated upon them?" said T. A. Witten. Mr. Witten is an attorney. He is interested in good roads, and has made a study of the subject.

"A system of rock roads owned by the State, and connecting the big cities, would do much toward solving the railroad rate problem," he continued. "These roads would be as straight and as level as possible, and broad, and would be kept in perfect repair. The State would build, own, and maintain them, but any individual would have the right to use them for any purpose. Now suppose we had such a road from Kansas City to St. Louis. It would be used by private and public automobiles, some carrying passengers for pay. But its greatest use would be by freight automobiles. The day of the automobile is just dawning. In twenty years from now small family automobiles will be as low in price as the family of moderate means that can afford a horse and carriage can own one. And the freight automobile will be so developed by then that it will be used extensively for handling freight.

"Within a few weeks ago I saw many trains of motor trucks upon the streets. They were composed of four or five trucks, each loaded with sand, rock, bricks and other building materials, hitched to a heavy truck. The motor truck hauled the train with ease and at a speed, I should judge, of about ten miles an hour.

"If we had a solid, level rock road between Kansas City and St. Louis you would see in a few years hundreds of these motor trains hauling freight back and forth between the two cities. I believe it would go far toward the regulation of the freight rate upon a fair basis. The freighting business upon such a road would require no franchise and would be non-exclusive. You must bear in mind when thinking over this plan of mine that these motor freight trains upon macadam highways would travel almost as fast as the average local freight trains.

"If the Government wishes to enter into competition with the rock roads it is the carrying of interstate commerce why should it not construct national highways of macadam but instead of carrying the commerce it should allow any one who pays or wishes to operate his own vehicles upon these roads, the Government from the revenue to pay cost and keeping it in repair.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY.

Some of the Things Done Daily in the Metropolis.

Fall Made Him Speechless.

One of the most remarkable patients that has come under the observation of the physicians of St. Francis Hospital, Jersey City, is a man who cannot tell who he is, although he is in a normal physical condition.

When at work a few days ago in the cooperage of Day & O'Donnell, on Sussex Street, the man had a severe fall and was made speechless. At the hospital everything was done to restore speech, but to no effect.

The man seems clearly to understand what is said to him, but is not able to respond. Poor and pencil have been placed in his hands and he has been asked to write his name and address. Apparently he made efforts to comply with the request, but these only resulted in a lot of hieroglyphics.

He comprehends questions and tries to talk. His lips move and he mumbles something incoherently. Brain specialists have been called from the hospitals of New York to examine the patient.

Poured Acid On A House.

Isaac Dietschman, 64 years old, was accused in Special Sessions of pouring carbolic acid on the attic and on a horse owned by a business rival, Louis Steinbrenner. The testimony showed that Deitschman and Wallman had been rivals. When Wallman started they became bitter rivals. On September 14 last the two had a fight over the delivery of furniture. Wallman got the contact. Then Deitschman, Wallman at his rival that he bought a two-ounce vial of carbolic acid. Deitschman denies that he threw the acid on the attic and on the horse. Wallman testified that he saw Deitschman throw the acid on the horse. Deitschman at the time was passing a score of other men witnessed the act, and that Deitschman threw the acid on the attic and on the horse. The crowd fell upon Deitschman and beat him. Justice McKeon sent Deitschman to the Tombs for 30 days.

Pancakes And Lemons.

Lack of lemons and pancakes in the family bill of fare caused Mrs. Rebecca Thomas Mogilewsky, a poor East Side girl of 19, to apply to Justice Davis, in the Supreme Court, for a separation from her husband, Benjamin Mogilewsky, banker. She weighs 150 pounds, is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 80 pounds. According to the complaint, the banker sees after marriage made some remarks touching on the cost of living. On the day after the wedding he upbraided his bride for having ordered pancakes. He called for pancakes and more pancakes, and offered, it is alleged, to commit suicide, if Rebecca didn't. At three weeks the husband, finding no tea served, talked of divorce. At two months the pancake vendetta broke out afresh. At three months it was lemons. Then the bride fled to her father.

Cleverest Policeman.

Sergt. Thomas Palmer, of 1039 Macy Avenue, the Bronx, is declared by the Commission to be the cleverest policeman in New York. When he took the examination for patrolman he headed the list," says the Commissioners: "When he took the examination for roundsman he headed the list, and again he led his competitors in the examination for sergeant. He took the examination for captain and would have headed the list if he had had the necessary three years' experience."

COMMERCIAL COLUMN.

Weekly Review of Trade and Latest Market Reports.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Expectations for a record-breaking demand for Christmas specialties are being fully realized. Jobbing and wholesale houses are doing well for the season, but reports of mercantile collections show much irregularity. Improvements in the promptness of payments is expected when the crops have been more fully marketed and greater ease appears in money rates, which are far above normal, despite the fact that the total amount in circulation exceeds all records. Very little idle machinery is noticed in the factories and mills, except where the supply of labor and raw materials is insufficient, and the vigorous demand for all commodities is indicated by the highest level of prices in recent years.

Textile mills are operating a large percentage of the available machinery, although the inadequate supply of labor tends to drawback.

Liabilities of commercial failures reported this week number are $11,980,782, compared with $8,866,789 a year ago.

Wholesale Markets.

Baltimore.—Flour—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 9,004 barrels.

Wheat—Easy; spot, contract, 74@74¼; spot No. 2 red Western, 77@77¼; November, 77¼@77½; December, 74¼@74⅝; January, 75⅛@75⅝; May, 80; steamer No. 2 red, 73¾@74⅝; receipts, 11,966 bushels; Southern by sample, 55@63; Southern grade, 68@74⅛.

Corn—Firm; spot, gld, 50@50⅛; new, 48@48⅜; January, 48@48⅝; February, 48@48¾; steamer mixed, 48⅝@48¾; receipts, 23,315 bushels; new Southern white corn, 41¾@42½; new Southern yellow corn, 43½@45¼.

Oats—Easier; No. 2 white, 39¾@40; No. 3 white, 38⅛@39; No. 2 mixed, 38⅝; receipts, 25,397 bushels.

Rye—Firm; No. 2 Western domestic, 94c; receipts, 3,050 bushels.

Butter—Steady and unchanged; fancy imitation, 23@24; fancy creamery, 32@33; fancy ladle, 20@21; store-packed, 18@20.

Eggs—Firm; 32.

Cheese—Active and unchanged; large, 13⅞; medium, 14⅛; small, 14⅜.

New York—Wheat—Receipts, 169,000 bushels; exports, 116,061 bushels. Spot steady. No. 2 red, 81⅝ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 83⅝ c. i. f. Buffalo; No. 2 hard winter, 77¾ c. i. f. New York; No. 2 hard winter, 77¾ c. i. f. Buffalo.

Corn—Receipts, 39,775 bushels; exports, 2,300,000 futures and 192,000 spot. Spot steady; No. 2, 72½, elevator; No. 2 red, 81¼ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 83⅝ c. i. f. Buffalo; No. 2 hard winter, 77¾ c. i. f. New York; No. 2 hard winter, 77¾ c. i. f. Buffalo.

Oats—Receipts, 33,775 bushels; exports, 2,300,000 futures and 88,000 spot. Spot steady; No. 3, 36 asked, elevator; No. 2, 38½; No. 2 yellow, 54; No. 2 white, 54⅝.

Lard—Firm on a scare of December shorts and with the West, closing 5¼ c. Prime steam, 5 15-16@6; refined, 5.95.

Oats—Receipts, 183,700 bushels. Spot steady; mixed oats, 26@32 pounds, 29; natural white, 30@33 pounds, 32@38; natural white, 36@40 pounds, 38@43⅜.

Philadelphia.—Wheat quiet but steady; contract grade, November, 75@75⅛; December and unchanged; November, 48@48⅜. Oats steady and No. 2 white, 39½; No. 2 white, natural, 39¾.

Corn—Firm and ¼@1c. higher; extra, Western creamery (official price), 30½; extra, street price, 31; extra, nearby prints, 33.

Eggs firm and in good demand; nearby fresh and Western fresh, 32 at mark.

Live poultry steady and in fair demand; fowls, 11⅞ @ 12½; old roosters, 9@9½; spring chickens, 11@12; ducks, 12@13; turkeys, 16@17; geese, 12@13.

Live Stock.

New York.—Beeves — Receipts, 1,131 head. Steers more active; top prices unchanged. Bulls 5@10c higher; bulls firm; cows steady to firm; steers, $3.50@5.40; bulls, $2.75@4.60; oxen and stags, $2.25@4.25; cows, $1.25@4.65; fat cows, $3.15@4.65; for choice fat Ohio, &c., 3.90@4.10.

Calves—Prime veals strong; others ruled steady; receipts 1,200 head, but firm. Veals, 4.50@9.00; culls, $3@4; fat calves, 6.50@7; barnyard calves steady; city dressed veals, 8@ 12½; country dressed, 9@13; buttermilks, 6@11½c.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep steady; prime lambs firm to 10c. higher; medium grades, 15@25c. higher. Sheep, 3.00@3.25; culls, 2.00; lambs, 6.75@7.85; culls, 5.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,200 head. State and Pennsylvania hogs, 6.35@6.65; pigs, 6.75.

Chicago.—Cattle—Market steady; common to prime steers, 4.00@7.10; cows, 2.00@ 4.75; heifers, 2.60 @ 5.00; bulls, 2.40@4.50; calves, 3.00@ 7.50; stockers and feeders, 2.40@ 4.50.

Hogs — Market 5 @ 10c. higher; choice to prime heavy, 6.25@6.35; medium to good heavy, 6.05@6.15; light good to choice, 6.00@6.30; good to choice mixed, 6.10@6.22½; packing, 5.90@6.10; pigs, 5.50@6.15.

Sheep—Market strong; sheep, 3.25 @4.60; yearlings, 5.40@6.60; lambs 6.25@7.60.

WORTH REMEMBERING

Japan gets 188,000 recruits yearly for her regular army.

In 1906 28,075 Germans emigrated to foreign countries, 26,606 going to the United States.

Among the household of the Chinese Emperor there are 59 physicians, 75 astrologers, 76 cooks and 6 priests.

American saws, edged tools of all descriptions, axes and files are popular and control the market of South Australia.

Railroad cars for transportation of live fish in tanks, which are just being put into service on the German lines, have been in use in this country for years.

The colonial secretary of the Bahamas states in his report of the islands for 1905-1906 that no complaint of error or delay has been received by the telegraph department for 14 years.

Agricultural implements of American and Canadian make control the markets of South Australia, and all conditions have point to a continuance of their popularity and an increase in the demand.

PIANO MAKES MUSCLE.

Else How Could Women Capture So Many Burglars.

There are many indications of the coming supremacy of woman, not only in the realm of the intellectual but also of the physical. That she is more of a reader than is the average man was noted not long ago by the observing novelist, W. D. Howells. While the man devotes himself, mind and body, to his business, owing to the sharp competition and to the fact that it is easier to keep on working and worrying than it is to stop, and while he confines his reading mainly to newspaper headlines, woman reads nearly everything that is not humorous, from the newspaper editorial article to books. Book dealers assert that a vast majority of the book buyers are women, and the same is true of library readers. The inevitable result is the intellectual superiority of the sex which was long charged with inferior brains. A recent divorce case in New England shows how a woman will subordinate everything to the pursuit of culture. The man in the case is a photographer who scraped and saved in order that the wife might educate herself. In her application for a legal separation she admits that the man is good and indulgent as a husband, but she affirms that it interferes with her ambition to associate with a person of his defective education.

Woman's progress in little less than a generation has, but still it is positive. However it may be explained, the fact is significant that two of the burglars apprehended by others than the police a great majority are seized by women. Another was laid low dead of the smashing of an impudent male by woman skilled in the art of defending herself. Besides the gymnasium, the manual training school and the kitchen, it is learned that piano playing is of all means of physical development the most effective. The address before the Philadelphia Music Teachers' Association Mrs. Carney declared that the playing of this instrument brings into play every muscle of the body. This confirms and explains a widespread opinion. That a tender young girl of apparently frail body and undeveloped muscles on a single piano to distract a whole neighborhood is convincing proof that she has concealed about her small person muscular power to excite the envy of a boilermaker. As exponents of all varieties of muscle sons are girls, and as the average period of study is eight years the ultimate physical supremacy of woman is plain to every mathematician.

To immortal achievements of this revolution, an eminent Berlin surgeon denies what was a prevalent belief that city, that piano playing is injurious to health. He declares, on the contrary, that musicians, nearly all of whom wrestle with the piano, live longer than any other class of persons. The contrary opinion was announced by a medical man who believes it the right of a doctor to lie in order to save life—his own life, in this instance. He considered the night practice of a neighbor's girl a menace to his health. As an ordinance has been adopted in Berlin limiting piano practice to certain hours in the day it is no longer necessary to deceive the performers.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The Artful Squirrel.

You may find many a squirrel in the course of your tramp, but no two alike exactly in their method of attempting escape or concealment. The ways and means of the little rascals are legion. One may fatten himself out against a gray patch on the back of a tree trunk, absolutely overlooked by the parents of culture. Yet, steadfast looking you can detect an ear or a shoulder in relief against the sky you might not in the general search. Another may lie along a branch flattened at full length, but here telltale ears are more easily silhouetted. Still another may crouch close against the trunk of a tree, but the tiny signal rising and falling with every jerk and sigh betrays him. Squirrels are wise enough to know that danger is not to be feared so much when one is set up in a bunch to imitate a knot or knob; and here he can very well keep his eye on you, and when you do will catch your eye, even as you catch his. He is one of an assembly in a crowd, and will instantly limber up for a headlong flight, leaping from tree to tree, till he disappears over the ridge.—Field and Stream.

Words and Letters in the Bible.

The number of words in the Bible and the number of letters was accurately ascertained in three years' work of a painstaking compiler and given to the world in Horne's "Introduction to the Study of the Scriptures." The figures refer to the King James version:

	Old Test.	New Test.	Total
Books ..	39	27	66
Chapters	929	260	1,189
Verses	23,214	7,959	31,173
Words .	593,498	181,253	774,751
Letters	2,728,100	838,380	3,566,480

The similar record for the Apocrypha is: Books, fourteen; chapters, 183; verses, 6031; words, 125,185; letters, 1,063,876. Similar statistics are the following: The middle line is found in II. Chronicles, iv., 16. The middle verse is Psalms, cxvii., 8; the middle chapter is Psalms cxvii., and that is the shortest chapter as well. The shortest verse is John, xi. 35. The longest verse is Esther, viii., 9. In Ezra, vii., 21 occur all the letters of the alphabet save j.

Millions For Railways.

The $12,000,000 or so of extraordinary credit which the Italian Government proposes spending on fortifications and armaments pale before the still more colossal project which has been elaborated by the State railways, says the London Globe. It is stated that on the Chamber's reassembling the Minister of Railways will present a demand for £20,000,000, all of it to be devoted to extension and renewal of lines and buildings, and none on rolling stock, which will have to be dealt with in a special credit.

THE WINNING STROKE

If more than ordinary skill in playing brings the honors of the game to the winning player, so exceptional merit in a remedy ensures the commendation of the well informed, and as a reasonable amount of outdoor life and recreation is conducive to the health and strength, so does a perfect laxative tend to one's improvement in cases of constipation, biliousness, headaches, etc. It is all